Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1843.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, A. D. 1843, R. A. M. 2373.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. JOSEPH O. SKINNER,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" RUEL BAKER, " GILBERT NURSE,	Grand Stewards.
" ELIAS HASKELL, " S. W. ROBINSON, " RUEL BAKER,	Committee of Finance.
" CHARLES W. MOORE, " SAMUEL WALES,	Committee of Charity.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand Lecturers.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

Augustus Peabody,	John B. Hammatt,
Edw'd A. Raymond,	Enoch Hobart,
Robert Lash,	John J. Loring.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, and Saint Paul's.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter now resolve itself into Committee of the whole. M.E. Robert Lash was called to preside, and M.E. Comps. Hammatt, Raymond, and Peabody, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes. A return of the Grand Chapter was made, when it was found there were twenty-one voters present.

The following Grand Officers were then duly elected to the several offices set against their names, viz:

M.E. Elijah Atherton, . . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Thomas Tolman, . . .	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. John R. Bradford, . . .	Grand King.
" Robert Keith, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" Abraham A. Dame, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The Committee then rose, and by their Chairman, reported the foregoing elections, which were unanimously approved by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Officers, (with the exception of the M.E. Grand High Priest, who was not present,) were then duly qualified by M.E. Comp. Lash.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee of Finance having examined the Treasurer's account, ask leave to report.

That there has been received into the Treasury the past masonic year, the sum of $67.50, viz:

St. Paul's Chapter, ...	$6 00
St. Andrew's Chapter, ...	16 50
Mount Zion Chapter, ...	6 00
Sutton Chapter, ...	27 00
Adoniram Chapter, ...	12 00
	$67 50

And the Treasurer has paid sundry bills, and for which he exhibited proper vouchers, amounting to . .	$46 00
And there was a balance due Treasurer on last settlement of	20 68
And there is now balance in the Treasury of . .	82
	$67 50

Your Committee find that Sutton Chapter is still in arrears, and that the dues from 1829 to 1840, inclusive, amounting to $84, has not yet been paid into the Treasury. In the present depressed state of our finances, when the Treasury is groaning,—not with funds, but for the want of them,—it is to be hoped that Sutton Chapter will be prompted by a sense of duty and masonic obligation, to discharge this debt without further delay.

Your Committee recommend that the Secretary be allowed eight dollars for his services. They would gladly have proposed a larger sum, but the state of the Treasury will not admit of it.

The Treasurer, as usual, declines any compensation for his services. The great length of time he has discharged these important duties and the fidelity with which he has performed them, entitle him to the thanks of this Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Elias Haskell,
Simon W. Robinson,
Ruel Baker,
Committee of Finance.

Grand Chapter, Boston, Sept. 12, 1843.

The following report was presented by M.E. Comp. Robinson, read and accepted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of E. Comp. Caleb Butler, touching the case of the widow of Comp. Wm. F. Brazer, deceased, with full power in the matter, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report, that they have authorized Comp. Butler to pay to the widow of Comp. Brazer, the sum of five dollars, which they recommend be allowed on note held by the Grand Chapter against said Comp. Butler.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. Robinson,
A. A. Dame,
Chas. W. Moore, } *Committee.*

Grand Chapter, Sept. 12, 1843.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form, with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday evening, 12th of March, A. L. 5844, R. A. M. 2374.

Present:

M.E. John R. Bradford, . Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. Robert Keith, . . Grand King, *pro tem.*

E. John B. Hammatt, . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Abraham A. Dame, . Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, . Grand Secretary.
Rev. Horace G. Barrows, . Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, . . Grand Marshal.
" Ruel Baker, . . Grand Steward.
" Charles W. Moore, . Grand Lecturer.
" Samuel Wales, . . Committee of Charity.
" Josiah Baldwin, . . Grand Tyler.

Permanent Member.—Augustus Peabody.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 7 o'clock, and the records of the last meeting read.

A communication from Washington Chapter, No. 3, Portsmouth, N. H., relating to the expulsion of a member, was read by the Grand Secretary, and ordered to be placed on file. (John T. Tasker.)

In consequence of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, which is to be held in the city of New Haven, on the 10th day of September next, and in order that this Grand Chapter may be fully represented at said meeting, it was

Voted, That the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, which is to be held on the second Tuesday of September next, be then adjourned to Tuesday, the 24th of said month, for the choice of officers and for such other business as may come before it, and that due notice be given thereof.

Voted, That the expenses of the Grand Officers, who shall represent this body at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, in September next, be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

By direction of the M.E. Grand High Priest, the lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	Charter dated A. L.	5769
Adoniram, Taunton,	do.	5816
St. Paul's, Boston,	do.	5818
Mount Zion, Stoughton,	do.	5820
Sutton, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in September and March. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, Boston.